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The Cover . . .

The city of El Progreso was virtually destroyed by the earthquake in Guatemala February 4. Only building left standing in the area pictured was the evangelical church "El Dios Vivo" (God Is Alive). For pictures and more information read Pages 3-4 and 8-9 of this issue.

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April 15-17—Virginia Senior High Retreat, Columbia
May 28-30—Ontario Convention, Stevensville
May 15—Ohio Spring Rally, Judson Hills
May 16—New Jersey Hymn Sing, Dunellen

Patient and Courageous

The New Testament refers far more often to *patience* than do those much more numerous pages of the Old Testament. This word is characteristic of and frequent in the Epistle to the Romans. In the spirit of that book, whose major themes are the righteousness of God and our redemption from sin through Christ, are such great chapters as 12 through 15.

Here we would emphasize Romans 15:4-5. We live in times that summon us to "patience and comfort of the Scriptures" (verse 5); in the wording of THE LIVING BIBLE, the Scriptures "are to teach us patience and encouragement."

Do many phases of right, truth, and religion seem endangered? Do strong and selfish motives of materialism hold sway? We see promising careers of youth halted. Desirable projects of church and state must be curtailed or postponed indefinitely. With energy sources and funds in short supply, crises arise suddenly and leadership to solve problems seems lacking.

The dark clouds will pass—though in the dimness many suffer and hopes are deferred. God's Way will triumph. Work as you can, hope, pray—and trust the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has not forgotten our needs.

–Bert H. Davis

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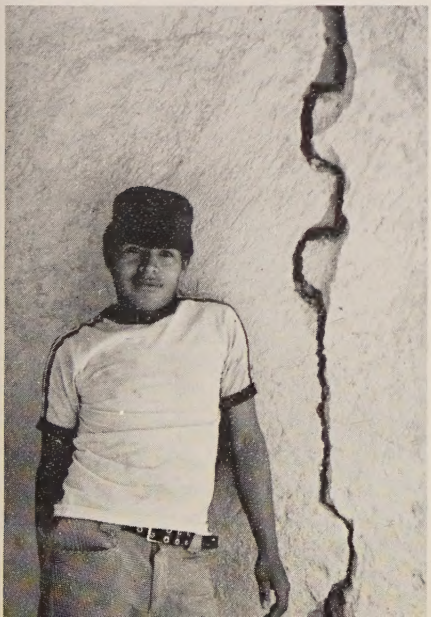
GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE

A Nightmare in the Land of Eternal Spring
By Rev. Charles W. Barner

In August 1975 it was my privilege to travel in Guatemala with several young leaders of the Christian Endeavor union. Traveling by auto from Guatemala City along the volcanic ridge which runs from southeast to northwest, one volcano after another lifted its beautiful cone above the jagged skyline of the mountain range.

As we arrived in Antigua, the colonial capital of Guatemala during the reign of the Spanish Empire, Walter and Silvia, my escorts for the day, told me this was the finest city in Central America before an earthquake destroyed it in 1773. They continued to tell how the city was torn to pieces by another earthquake in 1917 when 100,000 people were made homeless and scarcely a wall was left standing.

ENDEAVORER Herbacio Choc Martinez shows a crack in the wall of his home.



On February 4 an earthquake rumbled 2,000 miles through Central America, hitting Guatemala, most populous of the independent Central American states, the hardest. For 39 seconds in the early morning hours the earth trembled at 7.9 on the Richter scale. Thirty-nine seconds is a long time—long enough to kill over 22,000 people by falling adobe walls and unsupported roofs. The Guatemala City streets were so filled with rubble that cars could not get through. Whole blocks are leveled; others have only one or two damaged buildings standing.

Endeavorers in Guatemala tell us this was multiplied by many times in the towns and villages east and west of the Capital City. In El Progreso the only usable building is the Presbyterian Church. For several weeks it housed the offices of the city hall and the post office.

Rev. John Shackelford writes, "Imagine looking down your block and seeing nothing but rubble, knowing that some of your neighbors are buried under it. One lady told us that she thought that this must be the Second Coming, and she clapped her hands with joy. Another woman who lived alone saw that part of her roof had caved in, and she could not get out because her doors were jammed, so she took up her Bible, sat in the middle

LEONEL RAMOS VALDEZ, president of the Guatemala Union, presents a Bible tract to this family in Chinautla, whose home was destroyed by the earthquake.

of her room, and waited for the Lord to take her."

Following the earthquake Endeavorers throughout the world were moved with compassion for their brethren in Guatemala. President Arno Pagel sent a letter to the Guatemala Union requesting information about the extent of the disaster and assuring them of our prayers.

The Administration Committee of the International Society meeting in Columbus February 10-11 took action to pursue contacts with Guatemala Union leaders to see if they could handle funds which the International Society might raise to help in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Contact was made by telephone with leaders in Guatemala to ascertain the type of help needed, and it was determined that financial assistance was the most urgent need. Information was sent to a broad spectrum of International Society leaders and groups in February.

Meanwhile the German Union sent a circular letter to their Christian Endeavor groups asking them to remember their stricken brothers in Guatemala.

While traveling in India March 15-28 I was deeply moved when the school children, nurses in training, and Christian Endeavor members said, "We have heard about the earthquake in Guatemala and want you to see that our offering is sent to help the earthquake victims."

Through April 2, a total of $17,452.12 has been received for the Guatemala Relief Fund, $11,668.51 from the German Union, $5,800.56 from the International Society, and $28.35 from India. This money has been sent to the Guatemala Union for reconstruction work. Other unions are also busy securing funds for this project and an update will be given in subsequent issues.

Rev. Konrad Brandt, a member of the World's Union Executive Committee, visited Guatemala March 29-April 1 to encourage the Guatemala Endeavorers and consult with them on their needs and how to meet them. He presented an additional relief fund gift from Germany in the amount of $4,500.

A FRACTURED ARM was suffered in the earthquake by Endeavorer Eliseo Hilario Barrios.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday, America!

A Past to Remember—A Future to Mold

Almost every American community will be celebrating the 200th birthday of the United States this year. Celebrations will range from the very simple to the most elaborate, but there is room in every event for recognition of religious heritage.

Through the Resource Packet materials provided to groups by the International Society, suggestions have been made for ways to plan for a bicentennial witness. Every group is urged to take advantage of this opportunity by planning a special project. In most cases such an effort would also provide a suitable entry for the 1977 Christian Youth Witness Program.

Many helps are available to suggest ideas for churches and related groups to suitably plan for their bicentennial observance. Scripture leaflets, posters, worship bulletins, special films, Gospel tracts, and study courses are included in materials which are offered.

This historic occasion challenges every group to examine its heritage, celebrate the festival in 1976, and look to future horizons as the country enters its third century.

1976 Stewardship Emphasis

At its October 1975 meeting the Board of Trustees of the International Society of Christian Endeavor adopted a special emphasis on stewardship for the year 1976, following the very successful emphasis on Bible reading in 1974 and 1975.

The Board further determined that this Stewardship emphasis is to be related to the pledge, to the work and worship of the church, and also the Tenth Legion.

The Youth Assembly (all the Board members 25 and under) immediately determined to place more emphasis on prayer in 1976 and has since put a prayer chain in operation.

Christian Endeavor societies are being encouraged to develop a Stewardship study under the theme, "The Stewardship of Our Heritage," with five divisions: 1) Earth; 2) Citizenship; 3) Mysteries of God in Christ; 4) Talents and Life; and 5) Treasures (Tenth Legion).

Another project suggested to youth groups is a study of the parable of the talents, Matthew 25:14-30, with stress on the importance of time, talent, and possessions.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CELEBRATES 95TH

"Christ Mades the Difference" was the theme for the 95th birthday observance of Christian Endeavor January 25-February 1. This event featured a week of varied activities by societies, churches, and unions, with all ages taking part.

The Brooklyn (New York) Union marked the anniversary January 31 at Glenmore Avenue Presbyterian Church. According to Mrs. Eva L. William, chairman of the Board of Directors, the program included devotions, a brief history of the first society, games, and refreshments.

Four societies of Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania, took part in morning and evening services February 1 and February 8 and helped in the February 4 prayer meeting. They also took part in a county hymn sing, a birthday party, and an all night Lock-In Retreat with 80 attending. Dennis Madeira is pastor.

Endeavorers in the Disputanta, Hopewell, Petersburg, Prince George, and Richmond areas of Virginia celebrated the 95th birthday with a banquet January 30 at Prince George Congregational Church. Mrs. Bessie Meade Drake of Petersburg was chairman.

Juniors took charge of the February 4 prayer meeting at the United Brethren in Christ Church, Strinestown, Pennsylvania. Youth of the church taught Sunday school classes and participated in morning worship February 1. Rev. B. A. Harris is pastor.

A play entitled "Johnny's Search for Freedom" was presented at evening worship February 1 by the Senior Christian Endeavorers of Ottawa Reformed Church, West Olive, Michigan.

Three nights of special services were held at St. Davids Union Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania. January 30 was Junior night, January 31 Adult night, and February 1 High School night. Each evening special music and a guest speaker were featured.

On February 7 the Hanover Branch Union of Chester County, Pennsylvania, held a covered dish supper at Stone Church, near Brodbecks. This was followed by skits, games, and awards.

The Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Societies of Grace Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, held a birthday banquet February 1 followed by the evening service in which youth participated and officers were installed by the pastor Rev. Thomas Kinder.

Youth of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Royersford, Pennsylvania, held a spaghetti supper and Freedom party January 25. Youth Day was observed February 1 with Rev. Paul Kress speaking and youth participating throughout the day. Rev. Paul F. Seiger is pastor.

Juniors of Maysville Community Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania, went ice skating January 24, then returned to the church for an "All-American" lunch. Posters and displays were made for the church telling about Christian Endeavor. Charlotte Cochran is Junior sponsor.

The annual birthday banquet for Endeavorers of First Reformed Church, Yakima, Washington, was held January 27 using the theme "Heirs of God" with bicentennial emphasis. On February 1 the Intermediate and Senior High Societies were in charge of morning worship; messages were given by Tom VanGorkom, Julie Linden, Sally Wright, and Jackie Mulford. That afternoon members traveled to Pasco for dinner with En-

deavorers from Washtucna, followed by a fellowship and sharing time. In the evening a committee presented Christian Endeavor to the Terrace Heights Presbyterian Church.

At Everett, Washington, the Endeavorers of Westminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church took charge of the evening worship February 1. Ruth Harper, secretary, reports, "The guys took over the ushering and the girls took over all the children's church, the babies, and the other little kids, in morning service." John P. Hoogstrate is minister.

Youth of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minersville, Pennsylvania, conducted the morning worship with members handling all the readings and sermon, according to report by Duane A. Derricott, advisor.

The Adult Society of the New Dundee (Ontario) United Brethren in Christ Church celebrated at an anniversary meeting January 31. Margaret Clarkson showed slides of the Portland Convention and Audrey Fiederlein spoke on the theme; Mrs. Miriam Sararus outlined the history of the local society. A fellowship hour with an anniversary cake closed the event.

The four societies of Haili Congregational Church, Hilo, Hawaii, took complete charge of morning worship on February 1. That evening the four groups had a Galilean service at Reed's Bay. "Boats" were made from African tulip pods with candles fastened in them. After the service the groups returned to the church to see a film, "What's Up, Josh?" Mrs. Leona B. Kaapu, Christian Education director, reports two young men put their faith in the Lord as a result of seeing the film. On February 4 the societies honored church leaders with a candlelight service followed by a time of fellowship.

The Junior, Young People's, Adult, and Alumni Societies of First Evangelical Congregational Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, joined January 31 for a banquet with Rev. Franklin Schock speaking. On Sunday, February 1, youth participated in the morning worship and Juniors held a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. with parents as guests. Pastor is Richard K. Guistwite.

Youth of First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, planned special Sunday school services February 1 with a puppet show and Bible story. They led the church service, complete with a sermon on "What Is Christian Endeavor?" In the evening service held at a home for delinquent girls at Hopevale there were two singing groups, a brief speaker, and a puppet show; refreshments were served for over 100 people.

The Mercer County (Pennsylvania) Union held a Window Display Contest. Winning church was Maysville Community, which used the week's theme. Second place went to the display on "America's Youth—the Spirit of Christian Endeavor" by Unity United Presbyterian Church. Winners were announced at the annual Mercer County Birthday Party at Faith United Presbyterian Church, with an overflow crowd.

Raymond and Jane Bartholomew and four youth (Cindy and Vicki Bartholomew, David Zahniser, and Steve Brindza), all of Unity United Presbyterian Church, visited New Cumberland, West Virginia, to hold a Music Workshop during Christian Endeavor Week. Oreon E. Fields, West Virginia president, was host.

Dallas District (Texas) held its birthday banquet January 31 at Northpark Presbyterian Church. Arch J. McQuilkin of Pennsylvania, who was in Texas for a month of field work, was the speaker.

Mr. McQuilkin also spoke Sunday, January 25, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, Dallas, when youth participated in the service. Jesse Gardner, sponsor of the Allen Society, reports this group had a party February 7.

¡GUATEMA

The government and people of Guatemala have adopted the slogan shown at the top of this page to inject vigor and stimulus in their country. The slogan translates, "Guatemala, stand up!" This slogan invites all Guatemalans to do their part in the reconstruction of their country in a happy spirit and with progress as their goal.

The art work includes a rooster which represents a worker with his tools and a map of Guatemala.

The slogan has been printed in various forms so it can be seen on the windows of cars, stores, banks, and schools throughout Guatemala. It was sent to Christian Endeavor Headquarters by Silvia Canahui, secretary of the Guatemala Union, who said, "We sincerely hope that this slogan will please you and that you will display it in a prominent place where you will be proud of it since you are very much a part of Guatemala and are helping us in reconstructing our country."

The government of Guatemala, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, many church groups, and others have done a magnificent piece of work, according to Christian Endeavor leaders in Guatemala, in meeting the immediate needs of providing food, water, medical supplies, and temporary housing.

The national Christian Endeavor leaders met March 13 to plan how to use to best advantage the Guatemala relief funds of over $22,000 received through the World's Union. They think the money could purchase a limited amount of building material, but this might not be the best use of the funds. The majority of people have temporary housing to help them through the rainy season in May

CLEARING THE ROAD at Chinautla of rubble from a church which was destroyed are Sylvia Canahui (in Christian Endeavor T-shirt), secretary of the Guatemala Union, Carlos Rios, and Gustavo Davila.

and June. The Endeavorers think it might be better to help people construct regular, more permanent homes.

Since the clean-up work is going very slowly due to lack of equipment, one of the things needed is a truck to speed up removal of debris. Since many homes in the past have been made of stones held together with adobe, which collapses easily during an earthquake, it has been determined a more desirable material like building blocks is needed for construction.

Rev. Konrad Brandt, who has had extensive experience with the GermanUnion's mission projects in India, met with Guatemala leaders March 29-April 1. He concurs with local plans to purchase a dump truck to help remove debris and deliver building blocks and to purchase two machines to make low-cost durable building blocks.

The Guatemala Union hopes to get this project under way by July so needy people can be helped to begin erecting permanent homes. Since the highway from Guatemala City to El Progreso is closed because a long span of the bridge collapsed during the earthquake, the plan is to locate one of the machines to build blocks in El Progreso and the other in the vicinity of Guatemala City.

Gifts for the Guatemala Relief Fund from North America should be sent to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. 43216. All moneys received are turned over to the World's Union and sent to Guatemala.

ERECTING A SHELTER at Chinautla until permanent repairs can be made to home demolished in the earthquake. Temporary wooden structures and tents are being built before the rainy season begins in late April.

NEWS

Christian Sympathy

In January *Aubrey T. Minor,* Arlington, Virginia, died. An Endeavorer since the 1920's, Mr. Minor was a member of the Alpha Society of National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C., and a former D.C. Union officer. Sympathy is expressed to his wife Olga.

"Journey of Love"

Theme for the Ontario Winter Retreat, held February 20-22 at Circle C Ranch in Arcade, New York, was "Journey of Love." Rev. Winston Thurton of O'Connor Hills Missionary Church, Toronto, was speaker. Sharing group leaders included Mr. Thurton, Ruth Benner, Rev. Gene Barrett, and Gerv Fretz. About 50 attended.

Alabama Wins Cup

During the Southern Regional Conference October 1975 the Alabama Union was named the first recipient of a cup provided as an extension award for unions in the area. Christopher Summerville, associate president of the International Society, is Alabama president. The cup will be given annually; this year's conference will be October 29-31 at The Assembly Inn, Montreat, North Carolina.

It's a Boy!

On February 26 *Larry and Vicki Barner* of Mesquite, Texas, became the parents of *Elliott Mitchell,* who weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. Vicki is president of the Texas Union.

In Memoriam — Bert H. Davis 1896-1976

In January Christian Endeavor lost one of its "greats"—Bert H. Davis of Utica, New York. Perhaps the most significant contribution of his long and varied career as a writer is his rough draft of a manuscript, "I Promise Christ . . .," a history of Christian Endeavor. Begun in 1973, at the time of his death 219 pages covering 1881 to 1955 had been completed. This labor of love was carefully edited to present the highlights of the movement in anticipation of the 1981 Centennial.

In 1931 Mr. Davis was named contributing editor for THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and an associate editor in March 1932, a post he held until his resignation due to ill health last October. Numerous posts in his long career include service on International Society's Executive, Finance, and Topics Committees, plus over 40 years as a Trustee. Before retirement in 1962 he was treasurer and vice-president of Charles Millar & Son Co. He served in the fund-raising organization of Pierce, Hedrick & Sherwood, Inc., until 1970.

Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his wife Ruth, whom he met through Oneida County Christian Endeavor, and is survived by his daughter Marion in Watertown, New York, where he was living at the time of his death.

Notable works from his pen are "Publicity Plans for Christian Endeavor" and "Leadership through Christian Endeavor." He was co-author of "Making Good as Young Couples." His last column for THE WORLD appears on Page 2.

In his quiet, self-effacing way, Bert Davis left a rich heritage in print and made a large impact on Christian Endeavor.

1975 HONOR ROLL

Societies, unions, and other groups which enrolled during 1975 in the annual Christian Endeavor Roll Call are listed here. Each organization received an enrollment certificate. Those contributing $100 or more received a gold seal certificate; red seal certificates were sent indicating gifts of $50 or more and blue seals showing a contribution of at least $15.

For the fourth year the Honor Roll shows the number of years each group has continuously supported the work of the International Society by making a financial contribution. Many groups have given in additional years, but do not have a continuous record. Groups are arranged alphabetically by states and provinces; the number of years is shown in parentheses.

Top honors for continuous giving again go to the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., which has given each year since 1946, a total of 30 years. Following close behind are the Christian Endeavor Societies of Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania, which boast a record of 29 years. Among the unions, the Texas Union has the enviable record of 24 years, with Golden Rule Union of Washington, D.C., and the Adult Alumni Department of the New Jersey Union following next, each with a 23 year record. Among the other groups, the First Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton, Pennsylvania, is in first position for longevity with a 12 year total.

SOCIETIES

Gold Seal

Adult, Sherkston (Grace) United Bretnren Church, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada (16)

Senior High, First Reformed Church, Yakima, Washington (4)

Red Seal

Society of First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Washington, DC (1)

Alpha Alumni Council, National City Christian Church, Washington, DC (8)

High School, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois (1)

Adult, Grayston Avenue United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana (1)

Senior, Williston-West Church (United Church of Christ), Portland, Maine (19)

Youth Fellowship, Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania (9)

Alumni, Olivet Covenant United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (28)

Senior, Talmage Memorial Fourth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (3)

Young People's, Fifth Street United Brethren Church, Staunton, Virginia (1)

Blue Seal

Society of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Delaware (25)

Senior, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, DC (30)

Senior, Third Baptist Church, Washington, DC (12)

Society of Zion Baptist Church, Washington, DC (23)

Society of True Light Bible School, Punta Gorda, Florida (5)

Senior High, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bartonville, Illinois (1)

Adult, United Brethren in Christ Church, Claytonville, Illinois (1)

Alumni Council, United Congregational Church, Chicago, Illinois (27)

Societies of Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois (11)

Society of Knox Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois (1)

Society of Union Chapel United Brethren in Christ Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana (9)

Adult, Crestview United Brethren Church, Lafayette, Indiana (8)

Societies of United Brethren in Christ Church, Arlington, Iowa (1)

Intermediate, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldon, Iowa (1)

Varick, Zion Temple Church, Madisonville, Kentucky (1)

Society of Ferndale Christian Church, Ferndale, Michigan (9)

Junior High, First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan (1)

Senior, First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan (1)

Junior, Martin Reformed Church, Martin, Michigan (1)

Society of Wheatland Congregational Church, Pittsford, Michigan (1)
Varick, Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, Kansas City, Missouri (6)
Varick, First A.M.E. Zion Church, Brooklyn, New York (1)
Junior, Allen Fellowship, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Buffalo, New York (1)
Youth Fellowship, Primitive Methodist Church, Johnson City, New York (2)
Adult, Fort Washington Collegiate Church, New York, New York (1)
Junior, Fort Washington Collegiate Church, New York, New York (1)
Senior, Fort Washington Collegiate Church, New York, New York (1)
Junior, Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York (2)
Senior, Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York (18)
Varick's, St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church, Maysville, North Carolina (5)
Youth, Maysville, North Carolina (5)
Youth Fellowship, Emmanuel Community Church, Columbus, Ohio (1)
Omega, North Linden United Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio (1)
Senior, Oak Street United Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio (5)
Adult, Otterbein United Brethren Church, Rockford, Ohio (1)
Senior High, Garrison Road United Brethren Church, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada (1)
Adult, New Dundee United Brethren Church, New Dundee, Ontario, Canada (13)
Junior, Riverview United Church of Canada, Riverview, Ontario, Canada (1)
Society of Zion Evangelical Congregational Church, Dauphin, Pennsylvania (1)
Young People's, St. David's Evangelical Congregational Church, Dover, Pennsylvania (5)
Society of Old Bethel Church of God, Route #1, Garrett, Pennsylvania (1)
Teenage, St. Pauls Dubs, Hanover, Pennsylvania (1)
Junior High, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (2)
Senior High, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (2)
Societies of Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania (29)
Intermediate, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania (2)
Junior, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania (13)
Society of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Manheim, Pennsylvania (2)
Society of Cool Spring United Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania (1)
Society of Jerusalem (Fissels) Union Church, New Freedom, Pennsylvania (1)
Youth, Disston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (4)
Intermediate, Grace Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2)
Alumni, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (15)
Senior High, Faith United Presbyterian Church, Sharpsville, Pennsylvania (1)
Alpha Teens, Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania (2)
Jet Cadets, Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania (1)
Little Clippers, Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania (1)
Omegas, Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania (1)
Adult, Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania (1)
Whirly Birds, Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania (1)
Young People's, Grace Chapel United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Pennsylvania (1)
Societies of Beverly Hills United Presbyterian Church, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania (3)
Society of Blue Rock United Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania (4)
Society of Northport Christian Church, Cosby, Tennessee (1)
Teen, Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas (2)
Allen Fellowship, Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, Dallas, Texas (10)
Junior, Fairlington Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Virginia (1)
Senior High and Young Adults, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia (3)
Young People's, Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church, Disputanta

Virginia (18)
Adult, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia (4)
Society of Hope Chapel, Norfolk, Virginia (13)
Junior, Third Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Virginia (9)
Junior High, Third Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Virginia (8)
Young People's, Third Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Virginia (7)
Youth, Calvary Memorial Church, Roanoke, Virginia (1)
Junior, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia (10)
Junior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia (6)
Senior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia (6)
Societies of New Cumberland Christian Church, New Cumberland, West Virginia (7)
Youth, Tunnelton United Brethren Church, Wolf Summit, West Virginia (1)

UNIONS

Gold Seal

Golden Rule, Washington, D.C. (23)
Illinois Union (1)
Maryland Union (12)
New Jersey Union (7)
New York State Union (18)
Westchester Alumni, New York (1)
Oregon Union (6)
Pennsylvania Union (5)
Philadelphia Longtimers Association, Pennsylvania (12)
Texas Union (24)
Virginia Union (7)
West Virginia Union (4)

Red Seal

Michigan Union (1)
Lehigh County Fellowship, Pennsylvania (5)
Lehigh Valley Union, Pennsylvania (1)

Blue Seal

Alabama Union (1)
Northeastern, Indiana (2)
Sagamore Alumni Fellowship, Massachusetts (8)
Salem Union Alumni Council, Massachusetts (3)
St. Louis, Missouri (7)
Adult Alumni Department, New Jersey (23)
The Brooklyn/Queens Alumni, New York (1)
Columbus Area Adult Fellowhip, Ohio (5)
Franklin County, Ohio (7)
Canadian (2)
Hamilton Fellowhip, Ontario (1)
Lambton County Fellowship, Ontario (6)
Portland, Oregon (1)
Berks County, Pennsylvania (1)
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (1)
Lancaster County Adult Fellowhip, Pennsylvania (1)
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (2)
Luzerne County Alumni Association, Pennsylvania (4)
Mercer County, Pennsylvania (1)
Northeast Branch Adult Fellowhip, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania (7)
Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania (1)
Tennessee Union (1)
Dallas District, Texas (13)

OTHER GROUPS

Gold Seal

The First Congregational Church, Cromwell, Connecticut (6)
First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. (6)
Christian Education Department, A.M.E. Zion Church, Chicago, Illinois (10)
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Indiana (1)
Department of Christian Education, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington, Indiana (3)
First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan (3)
Fort Washington Collegiate Church, New York, New York (2)
Central Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio (6)
St. John's Presbyterian Church, Devon, Pennsylvania (5)
Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (8)
The Maysville Community Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania (2)
Talmage Memorial Fourth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1)
Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania (1)
Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas (8)
Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas (2)

Red Seal

Argo Presbyterian Church, Trussville, Alabama (1)

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri (1)
First United Brethren in Christ Church, Columbus, Ohio (1)
Church Choir, Talmage Memorial Fourth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1)
First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (9)

Blue Seal

New Jersey Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, Ohio (1)
First Moravian Church, Uhrichsville, Ohio (1)
Ontario Conference, The United Brethren in Christ Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (3)
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania (12)
Women's Guild, Emanuel United Church of Christ, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (4)
Sunday School Association, Talmage Memorial Fourth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1)
Northport Christian Church, Cosby, Tennessee (4)
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Guatemala Conference And Tour Canceled

Because of the Guatemala earthquake the Seventh Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Guatemala has been postponed to 1980 (Area I meetings are held quadrennially) and there will be no Area I conference this year.

The Central American Holiday Fellowship Tour to Guatemala, planned by the International Society, has also been cancelled.

Guatemala Endeavorers will hold their national convention July 23-25, with the World's Union president, Rev. Arno Pagel of Germany, participating.

It is hoped several representatives from Guatemala can attend the International Convention in Pennsylvania next year.

It's Reading in '77

The 54th International Christian Endeavor Convention will attract many from across North America to Reading, Pennsylvania, July 11-15, 1977.

Hosting the event are the Berks County Christian Endeavor Union, currently headed by George Mays, and the Pennsylvania Union, whose president is P. Raymond Bartholomew. The Reading Convention Committee is being organized to handle local arrangements.

Convention activities will center at Albright College, where delegates will be housed. This liberal arts college is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. The 55-acre campus includes a Campus Center, with a 285-seat theatre, and an air-conditioned Memorial Chapel seating 925. The field house can accommodate up to 3,500 for major sessions.

Registration fee for Reading '77 is $10 for all outside of Pennsylvania.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE for the 1977 International Convention in Reading, Pennsylvania, meets to formulate plans for an exciting week at Albright College. Chairman is Mary Moffitt of Dallas, Texas. The committee met October 1975 and will meet again in April.

A Message From the President, Timothy J. Kribs

A Program That Trains And Uses

. There is suspicion and insecurity all around us today. We cannot trust our money; it has proven insecure. Our elected leaders have betrayed us so often many question if there is security anywhere. This is one of the finest times in recent history to tell others that "Christ Makes the Difference." He alone can be trusted and does not fail. All that is needed is for us to have the courage to tell others that Christ is the one whom they need.

We need to show by our actions that Christ is the answer for us. Christian Endeavor gives us a glorious opportunity to learn how and to practice making Jesus Christ Lord of all. We learn by doing in Christian Endeavor. We learn to share our faith. We observe our Quiet Hour: our Bible study strengthens our witness and prayer is the language of love. We cannot long pray for someone without growing in love for that person. We need to use prayer, the language of love. Our becoming members of the Tenth Legion makes us sharers in the Church's witness in the world.

Christian Endeavor's committee structure can also give security in the midst of the world's insecurity. The basic five committees are adequate for any society and can be expanded if the society is very large. When each member takes part, the society can accomplish much for Christ and His Church and each can feel the security of being needed and useful. This is one of the benefits of Christian Endeavor: each can learn to lead as well as being and feeling useful. This is in sharp contrast to having everything done for us as is true in most other programs. Praise the Lord for a program that trains and uses us!

I know you are joining me in prayer for our fellow Christian Endeavorers in Guatemala. May He strengthen them and their witness through these trying days of physical disaster.

Christian Endeavor has a vital ministry for today! May we each do our part to further extend it for Christ and the Church.

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